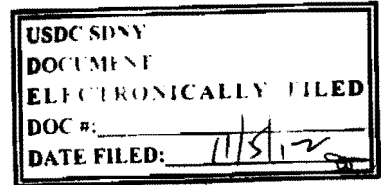


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Exhibit A

October 31, 2012

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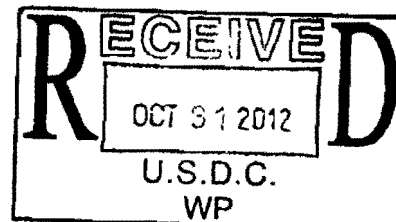
Re: *Space Exploration Technologies Corp. vs. D.T. Gruelle Company Group, L.L.C.*, Case
1:12-cv-7510-PAE

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

Husch Blackwell LLP, Carlos Rodriguez (*pro hac vice* forthcoming) and the undersigned are counsel for defendant D.T. Gruelle Company Group, L.L.C. ("D.T. Gruelle"). Defendant D.T. Gruelle requests a 30 day extension of time to and including November 30, 2012, to answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint because counsel just received this case ten days ago, and needs the additional time requested to determine and prepare an appropriate response to the Complaint.

Pursuant to the Court's Individual Practice I E, the undersigned states as follows: (1) the original date D.T. Gruelle's response to the Complaint is due is October 31, 2012; (2) the reason for this request is counsel just received the Complaint and documents relating to this case, and needs additional time to determine and prepare an appropriate response to the Complaint; (3) this is the first request for extension from D.T. Gruelle; (4) adversary counsel consents to a 20 day extension, and does not think 30 days is reasonable. Currently, there are no future proceedings scheduled in this matter, and therefore, this request, if granted, would not likely affect any future proceedings.

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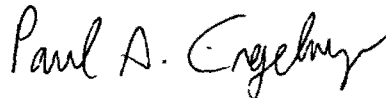
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*A 30-day extension is
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due by November 30,
2012.*

SO ORDERED: 11/5/12



HON. PAUL A. ENGELMAYER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE